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Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members:

As you begin work on the Fiscal Year 2011 (FY 11) appropriations bill for Financial Services and General Government, I would like to share my Illinois priorities. I thank you for your past assistance and look forward to working with you on these important projects.

Small Business Administration

- Benedictine University, Lisle. \$350,000 to assist small businesses increase productivity. This certificate program will be offered to Illinois entrepreneurs, providing training to strengthen business practices.
- Bradley University, Peoria. \$550,000 to establish a training program to build new technologies, new businesses, and new jobs in the green technologies industry. This program will target existing small businesses and entrepreneurs in the development of new green technologies and implement sustainable green practices into business processes.
- Chicago House and Social Service Agency, Chicago. \$400,000 for the expansion of an employment program with a transitional jobs component for low-income individuals with HIV/AIDS, allowing more adults to move from income based on disability subsidies into long term employment.

- City of Chicago. \$650,000 to expand a workforce re-training program in the City of Chicago. This program provides technology training to unemployed administrative and professional workers to prepare them for careers in the technology sector.
- Kaskaskia College, Centralia. \$150,000 to expand job counseling and placement efforts for veterans. Expanded programming will allow the College to reach more veterans in the counties surrounding Centralia.
- Lewis and Clark Community College, Godfrey. \$150,000 to expand job counseling and placement programs for veterans. Increased programming will accommodate more veterans in the Metro East area and raise awareness of the employment services available to veterans through the College.
- Rock Valley College, Rockford. \$250,000 to expand job training and small business counseling programs. Programs provide services to the region's dislocated workers and cultivate and support small and entrepreneurial businesses.
- Safer Foundation, Chicago. \$350,000 for a transitional employment program. Participants will prepare for long term employment through green jobs training, while gaining critical experience and building a work history.
- Saint Xavier University, Chicago. \$350,000 for a minority small business initiative. This program will provide services to help entrepreneurs increase the success of minority-owned small businesses.
- Sauk Valley Community College, Dixon. \$300,000 to expand job training and certification programs offered by the College. These programs strengthen the workforce and assist displaced workers.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending item(s) that I have requested, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. I further certify that I have posted a description of the items requested on my official website, along with the accompanying justification.

I thank you in advance for your assistance with these important projects. If I can provide additional information or assist you in any way, please contact me or my staff at 4-2152.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator